



Thread Veins

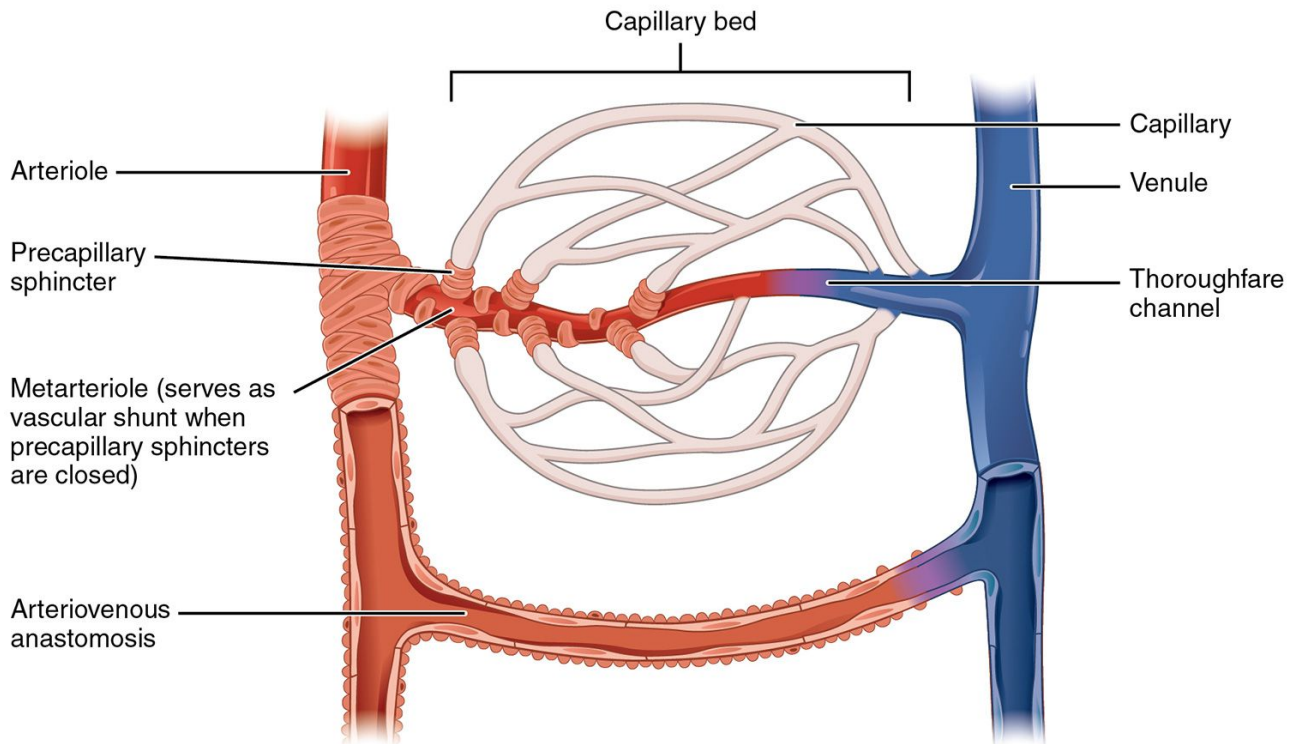
Thread veins are also called 'red veins' or 'broken capillaries' and 'telangiectasis'. Normally positioned in the deeper, dermal areas of the skin, small blood vessels expand and rupture, seeping into the surface layers and becoming visible. They appear as wavy red lines (thread veins), (red spots), or as red spots with thin red lines radiating from them (spider naevi).

Areas from which Thread Veins can be Removed

- **Face - By cauterization using diathermy electrolysis**
- **Legs - By Sclerotherapy (a superficial injection)**
- **Legs - By cauterization using diathermy electrolysis**
- **Body - By cauterization using diathermy electrolysis**

The Removal of Thread Veins by Diathermy Electrolysis:

A minute current is applied just underneath the skin surface by tapping a very fine needle along the affected area. The blood vessel is thus cauterized, i.e. destroyed by heat. The skin is blanched and the red colour disappears, the blood being reabsorbed by the body. The area may feel a little hot a few minutes later. Tinted, medicated 'Sterex Lotion' is applied to the skin to cool it and to promote the healing process. Minute, honey-coloured crusts may form on the skin surface. These are often visible, except on very close inspection. They fall off in about 4 days (face) or 3 weeks (legs), and may leave a pink patch of skin which fades.



Consultation:

During the 15 minute consultation, we shall discuss the possible causes of your thread veins, and I will ask about your medical history, explain the treatment and describe the after-care procedures required.

The Duration of the Treatment:

The duration of a facial treatment is about 15-20 minutes. Typically, 2-4 treatments may be required to clear facial veins but after one treatment there will be a noticeable difference. Subsequent appointments are made at 2-3 week intervals. Legs usually require several treatments at 5-6 week intervals. The interval allows the skin to heal fully and should any tiny spots be destined to reappear, they will have done so during this period, and can be dealt with at the next appointment.

Please book an appointment for a comprehensive assessment and tailored treatment plan.